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**Minutes
Coastal Carolina University
Board of Trustees**

**Student Affairs Committee Meeting
Wall Building, Board Room
October 11, 2007**

**Members of the
Committee Present:**

Mr. Samuel H. Frink, Mr. William L. Lyles Jr., and
Mr. Eugene C. Spivey

Others Present:

Dr. Lloyd A. Holmes, Ms. Haven L. Hart, Mr. Brett
S. Klein, Mr. Caesar C. Ross, Dr. Judy W. Vogt,
Mr. William G. Weisner, Dr. Lynn Willett, and
Ms. Chyrel Stalvey

Mr. Spivey called the meeting to order at 11:42 a.m.

Mr. Lyles made a motion to approve the minutes of June 21, 2007. Mr. Frink seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Willett introduced Mr. Brett Klein, Assistant Dean of Students/Director of Student Affairs, and Ms. Haven Hart, Special Projects Coordinator for Student Affairs.

Each department in Student Affairs submits an annual report which is about 15 pages long. The Summary of Accomplishments 2006-2007 was distributed. Mr. Spivey appreciated the summary. He felt that it would be helpful to discuss areas needing improvement as well.

Mr. Lyles asked Dr. Willett what she felt the main purpose of this committee is. Dr. Willett felt the committee's role was to raise questions or considerations that we should be asking ourselves. The full Board is to advocate for issues discussed in committee that are important in trying to manage out-of-class life for students. There are many needs to be prioritized time wise and financially.

Mr. Lyles felt the committee's function is to help Student Affairs expedite programs. He is very pleased that Dr. DeCenzo has stated that one of his goals is to improve the Student Center. This shows his commitment to Student Affairs. Dr. Willett added that Chairman Alford is also committed to the project.

Dr. Willett feels there is more latitude with the Student Center to think outside the box for funding. There are a number of different ways of financing. As other student

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centers are assessed, other ways will be found, i.e., fees to belong to the fitness center.

Mr. Spivey, a new committee member, believes student representation in the Student Affairs Committee meetings is important. Dr. Willett feels that is a good practice to continue. The SGA President has been attending the committee for a couple of years and was invited to the committee meeting, but could not be in attendance today.

Mr. Frink also feels that the committee should be kept up-to-date on the goals and priorities for the students. The goals/priorities need to be mentioned at every meeting, because Board members serve on other foundations and committees. He feels AGB's Trustees Magazine is helpful to keep Trustees informed on what is happening on other campuses. Dr. Willett added that some of the same information is available through the Chronicle of Higher Education and other professional associations. It helps to see mistakes that have happened and the best ideas from other campuses.

There was discussion regarding the rape and murder of a student at Eastern Michigan University in their campus residence halls. When the institution reported the death to the campus they stated that there was no evidence of foul play. The murderer was apprehended and several top administrators lost their jobs. Chief Weisner reported that SLED would investigate an unattended death and they would be the lead investigative body.

Dr. Willett reported that the Virginia Tech shooting gave impetus to review our campus safety procedures and multi-layered campus safety initiatives will be put in place. A new emergency manual and procedures have been set in place. A text messaging system will be launched within the next two weeks to notify students and parents (optional) in case of emergencies-safety, weather, etc. By mid-year, we will launch an information system that will go to all the buildings. A television will be in the lobby of each building for sending out campus information on campus activities and campus emergencies. In the future, public safety tabletop exercises will be held with primary decision makers and communicators to review case studies and various emergency scenarios.

Chief Weisner has requested \$60,000 to set the emergency system in place with the e-mail and text messaging systems and the information boards. Another \$60,000 will be needed for a siren system which will start with a tone and then a voice message.

In June at the Internal Campus Law Enforcement Administrators Conference, training will take place for applying for grants from Homeland Security.

Mr. Lyles asked about metal detectors. Chief Weisner said that they could be affective for sporting events but not feasible for classrooms with the numerous exits in each building.

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Mr. Spivey asked if we could lock down the campus by securing the perimeters and nobody leaves campus. Chief Weisner said it could be done. There are only four police officers on campus at a time. However, there is a good relationship with Conway City Police and Horry County Sheriff Departments and they would be available to assist in setting up road blocks.

Chief Weisner said Dr. Willett has formed a Students-at-Risk Committee and there is open communications between the directors and campus security. At Virginia Tech, one part of the campus knew about the shooter's mental illness and the other part didn't. Dr. Willett added that information has been gleaned from faculty and residence hall staff members to intervene to get students help on and off campus.

The total student activities budget (not the entire student affairs budget) for clubs and organizations is about \$400,000 from tuition and is divided among operations of student activities and 75 clubs and organizations.

Mr. Spivey asked Dr. Willett to supply the committee with the Student Affairs budget.

In discussing the plans for a student center, Mr. Spivey felt we should ask what can we do if we don't get a new student center and what do we do with the present building if we build a new student center.

Dr. Willett said that \$2.3M has been budgeted to renovate the old student center. Although it is inadequate for the present campus, it is money that can be put to good use while we are planning for a more elaborate student center. In the past the Elvington property has been discussed as a location to build a student center in concert with new student housing and an academic village. Student parking will be a factor in the decision of where to build, as well as lighted paths, sidewalks and bike trails. Future plans will be integrated into the campus master plan.

Dr. Willett distributed an information sheet on several student centers in the southeast regions that are new or just about ready to open—Christopher Newport University, UNC-Wilmington, Winthrop, Davidson, Converse and William and Mary. In January and February, she would like to take road trips with Trustees and staff members to some of these universities to look at the facilities. Also, as the Trustees travel and go near some of these, they may want to stop and look at some of these places. Mr. Spivey stated that we will be playing basketball at some of these facilities in February and it would be a good time to visit.

These facilities are an inspiration to think big but she asked the committee for parameters in looking at the different facilities. Should we include a fitness center?

Mr. Frink asked to add where these schools received their monies to build these facilities when the list is updated.

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Dr. Vogt stated that our student center is not competitive with other universities. Academics and the right majors will get them to come to campus and apply, but it takes another checklist for a student to commit to an institution.

Dr. Willett said that there had been a 19% increase in patients (667 all together) using the health services so far this semester. Student Health Services has done a remarkable job in handling the additional load of students. The concept of all full-time students being able to use the facility is very popular with students and parents.

There being no further business Mr. Lyles moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Frink seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Tommy M. Stringer
Secretary/Treasurer